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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/724,287  
Title: PRODUCTS, METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR FRESH  
MEAT PROCESSING AND PACKAGING

OUR REFERENCE: CRSL115949

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MESSAGE:

Attached is a Response to Final Office Action mailed January 14, 2004, for the  
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Applicant: A.J.M. Garwood Attorney Docket No. CRSI115949  
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 Filed: November 28, 2000 Examiner: D.E. Becker  
 Title: PRODUCTS, METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR FRESH MEAT  
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A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

**COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

|   | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment |       | Highest<br>Number<br>Previously<br>Paid For |   | Present<br>Extra |   | Rate |   | Additional<br>Fee |
|---|---|-------|---|---|------------------|---|------|---|-------------------|
| Total Claims                            | 83  | Minus | 265   | = | 0                | x | 9    | = | 0.00              |
| Independent<br>Claims                   | 9   | Minus | 105   | = | 0                | x | 43   | = | 0.00              |
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B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

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Respectfully submitted,

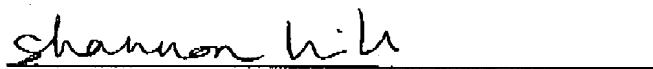
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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